

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were previously pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 7-8 and 18-19 and indication that Claims 31-33 include allowable subject matter.

The Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005 stated, "Claims 1-22 have been canceled and Claims 23-33 are added." Applicants wish to clarify that Claims 1-22 were not canceled and Claims 1-33 remain pending.

Claims 1-6, 9-17 and 20-30 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Damrath (EP 1,069,231).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted with Applicants' Attorney, Craig Loest, on September 27, 2005. The Examiner and Applicants' Attorney discussed the Damrath reference and agreed that Damrath is not prior art for the present invention under 35 USC §102(e) and the corresponding rejection was incorrect. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 1-6, 9-17 and 20-30, in addition to previously allowed Claims 7-8 and 18-19 and allowable Claims 31-33.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claim 1-33 are respectfully requested. The application should now be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. Please note that Applicants have changed representation and are now represented by new counsel. The formal Revocation of Power of Attorney / New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address documents will be forthcoming.

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Name of Attorney Signing under 37 CFR 1.34

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig J. Loest", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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